

Fishing Slaves In Thailand

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A man from Myanmar said that he and 12 others who made the trip with him were sold for around \$430 each into jobs that made them virtual slaves.

It's a well designed trap. If any of the slaves escapes, the police will arrest and deport him. One man I said that he was trapped for three years on a boat without any wages, while he "paid off his debt". He was never told how much he owed.



"I felt very depressed when I first arrived on the boat, like I was in hell," he said. "I was beaten because I didn't know how to do the work properly." Tay from Myanmar

There is also a recruitment crisis. By the Ministry of Labour's count, fishing boats in Thailand are short of 50,000 men.